

Weekly Column for August 24th, 2006

This week brings about the end of our two very successful concert series in the City of Troy.

Over in the north end of the City, the Powers Park Concert Series has to be called a success in just its second year of existence. We have had an exciting mix of shows at Powers Park this year, ranging from an Elvis tribute by Rocky Velvet, to a Beatles show by The Brits, to good old-fashioned Rock 'N Roll by the Outta Hand Band.

Each week the crowds seemed to grow larger and larger. Thanks to Meisner Travel, we ended up giving away a trip to the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, and an all-expenses paid trip to Graceland.

In addition to the growing crowds, we had a significant presence from local vendors each week, which is certainly vital when building a festival-like atmosphere for the concerts. Special thanks goes out to Snowman, Chubby's Subs, Uncle Boo Doo's Memphis, BBQ, Jimmy's Pizza for participating each and every week.

And finally, it is difficult to put on such wonderful events without generous support from local businesses, and I want to take a moment to thank Hannaford, Whitney Young Troy, JW Pfeil, Troy Police Benevolent Association, and the Troy Uniformed Firefighters Association. Without you, this certainly would have been a much larger endeavor.

In downtown, we are winding down another Collar City Live Series in Riverfront Park. Since early July, this series has brought free concerts to Troy residents and visitors every Wednesday afternoon and Sunday evening. With bands like Sirsy, Mambo Kikongo, the Greyhounds, and this week's upcoming Blues Fest, this year's series has certainly been one to remember.

And much like the Powers Park Series, there are several people who deserve great thanks for allowing the concerts to take place, including: Price Chopper, Subway, the Times Union, 104.9 The Edge, Top Custom Jewelers, Wellcare, and Dalbec Audio.

We have made a sincere effort over the past two plus years to enhance the entertainment options for our residents. Between these two ventures, as well as the annual River Street Festival, the progress we are making is certainly something to be proud of.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Mayor of Troy